

House Resolution 1033

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging that certain water conservation measures be required by the Department of Natural
2 Resources; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the great State of Georgia is one of a few states in the nation which has no
4 interstate rivers flowing into it; and

5 WHEREAS, the total dependence for drinking water supply and irrigation comes from
6 ground water and rainfall; and

7 WHEREAS, water is without question the most valuable resource in our great state; and

8 WHEREAS, the issues of our diminishing supplies, increasing population, and lack of
9 conservation measures by the State of Georgia must be addressed; and

10 WHEREAS, other issues such as septic systems and ground application sewerage treatment
11 facilities contribute to the problems facing our citizens in the near term due to the stoppage
12 of flows and extended lag time for the return of used water back into our creeks, streams, and
13 lakes and pollution of our valuable ground water; and

14 WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources has the authority vested by the General
15 Assembly to develop regulations and enforce said regulations concerning the correction of
16 these dire circumstances; and

17 WHEREAS, the General Assembly ranks this drought season and the future of Georgia's
18 water needs as a high priority due to the absolute necessity for pure, clean, and abundant
19 water supplies to our citizens, our farm economy, and our industries.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 GEORGIA that the Department of Natural Resources is urged to require developments of

1 subdivisions of over 12 new homes or industries whose water consumption exceeds 10,000
2 gallons of water per day to be connected to proper municipal or county sewerage collection
3 and disposal so that water used shall be returned to our creeks and rivers.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Natural Resources is urged to require
5 all new construction be mandated to install low flow shower heads on each shower, that
6 being a shower head which uses no more than two gallons of water per minute.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Natural Resources is urged to
8 implement these measures and have the regulations completed and in the hands of each water
9 distributor within the State of Georgia to be effective no later than January 1, 2009.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges that said regulations and requirements
11 be written so as to have every shower head refitted and evidenced by original bill of sale for
12 said device forwarded to each water distributor within the State of Georgia and to provide
13 for penalties of increased water costs to any consumer who fails to provide said receipts and
14 retrofit said shower heads.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges that this resolution be implemented
16 immediately and a report of said regulations generated and distributed within this calendar
17 year to all members of the General Assembly and to each newspaper, radio station, and
18 television station reporting on such issues within the State of Georgia.